Dear Oliver,

10/24/78

Thanks for your card of the 19th, which came today. In it you say that the tape companies are selling mostly through discount stores for volume and that the wholesale price is so close to it the cost of shipping eats up the small saving.

As I understood the writing, which got softened by moisture, you said that cheap tape is about $1.25 per 2400 feet. I don't want cheap tape, as you said.

But what a difference between that and the price for Scotch at the local Kmart! $7.76 plus tax for 1800 feet. Trax was over $5.50.

We have no local electronic discount stores. I'll check the other places like Kmart and I'll see if I can do some phoning when I'm in Washington in court day after tomorrow.

Heard from Jerry today. Mostly about The Holy Man. He also said that you gave Auble what he called your FBI reports. I take it this means either copies of what you gave them or notes. It would be good to be able to compare this with what I get from the FBI. Withholding is an art form for them and they get brownie points and gold stars at the same time. If I can borrow copies I'll return them. Or I'll pay Auble for the copying.

When in Washington 10/26 I had time to phone a place that sells tapes as its main business item. They recommended BASF "performance" over more expensive BASF and other tapes. Price 2400 feet $6/79 each, $6.18 if bought in lots of 20. 1800 feet $5.10, $4.63 in lots of 20.

I had enough time to make a call to a cut-rate hifi store. Their BASF price was higher.

How do these sound to you?

No need for me to ~~///~~ purchase until the service man who is to do the wiring connects the Akai up.

I hear that the National Star has a s ory quoting Anna Ray as saying that she and Jimmy plan a test-tube baby.

For however if at all it may apply to your situation I also hear that the assassins committee is considering calling the black former Memphis "red"squad detective Redditt, made into a phoney hero by Lane, in order to hurt Lane by cutting Redditt up. No certainty in this, only a report I received. Trashing Redditt over what Lane uses as coming from him and I suppose Redditt ~~///~~ repeated to others would be a snap.

Sincerely,